IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI CENTRAL DIVISION

SHAREN PARKER and)
WILLIAM PARKER,)
Plaintiffs,))
v.) No. 2:17-cv-04090-NKL
AMERICAN PUB, LLC d/ba/)
TGI FRIDAY'S and	,)
BB HOLDING, LLC,)
d/b/a TGI FRIDAY'S)
)
Defendants.)

ORDER

Plaintiffs Sharen and William Parker and Defendant American Pub, LLC jointly move to remand this action to the Circuit Court of Boone County, Missouri for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. [Doc. 6.] The motion to remand is granted.

On April 20, 2017, Plaintiffs Sharen and William Parker filed suit in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Missouri against Defendant American Pub, LLC, alleging ownership of a TGI Friday's where Plaintiff Sharen Parker was injured. Before Defendant American Pub, LLC filed an Answer, Plaintiffs amended their Petition, identifying BB Holding, LLC as an owner of TGI Friday's and adding it as a defendant. On May 26, 2017, Defendant American Pub, LLC removed the action to this Court on the basis of diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, not realizing that an Amended Petition was filed adding BB Holding, LLC as a defendant. Defendant BB Holding, LLC is a Missouri company.

In their motion, Defendant American Pub, LLC, the removing defendant, jointly moves

with Plaintiffs to remand this action back to the Circuit Court of Boone County for lack of

diversity. [Doc. 6]. Because the parties represent that BB Holding, LLC is a Missouri company,

removal to this federal court in Missouri is barred by 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b)(2), and the Court lacks

subject matter jurisdiction. See 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b)(2) ("A civil action otherwise removable

solely on the basis of the jurisdiction under section 1332(a) . . . may not be removed if any of the

parties in interest properly joined and served as defendants is a citizen of the State in which such

action is brought."). Accordingly, this matter is remanded to the Circuit Court of Boone County,

Missouri.

For the previous reasons, Plaintiffs and Defendant American Pub, LLC's Joint Motion to

Remand, [Doc. 6], is granted.

s/ Nanette K. Laughrey NANETTE K. LAUGHREY

United States District Judge

Dated: June 30, 2017

Jefferson City, Missouri

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